

A full-page illustration of Nightwing in a dynamic, forward-leaning pose. He is wearing his signature blue and black suit with a large white 'N' on the chest. His arms are raised, and his hands are clenched into fists. The background is a chaotic, fiery explosion of orange, yellow, and red, with dark, jagged shapes floating in the upper portion, suggesting a cityscape under attack. The overall tone is intense and action-packed.

LOOKS  
LIKE YOU  
COULD USE  
A HAND.

Alphonse  
Sapienza.

Sap.

Highly  
decorated  
Blüdhaven  
police  
detective.  
Veteran.

Thirty-eight...  
maybe even  
forty.

The leader of  
the group that's  
replacing me.

One of the  
Nightwings.

# CITY ABLAZE PART II

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Or as I've tagged him, **Nightwing Prime**.

CAREFUL WITH THE FIRE CREATURE!

TOUCH HIM AND YOU'LL **BURN**.

YOU'RE SAYING THAT THING IS **ALIVE?**

NOT SURE IF "ALIVE" IS THE RIGHT WORD...

...BUT IT SURE SEEMS TO BE ACTING WITH **INTENT!**

STILL HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO **FIGHT**.

Another member of the group-- **Malcolm Hutch**.

**Nightwing Red**.

**CRASH**



Might be a bit *corny*, but I can't call 'em all Nightwing.

THIS'LL DO SOME DAMAGE!

Splink

KUNK



Not for long.

POK

AH!

Just as fire can grow on its own...

...the creature regenerates.



N-NO!

Pffff

EVERYONE... BURRRNS!

EVERYONE!



Most cops Sap's age are thinking about retirement.

What would compel him to play Nightwing?

THAT THING TALKS?

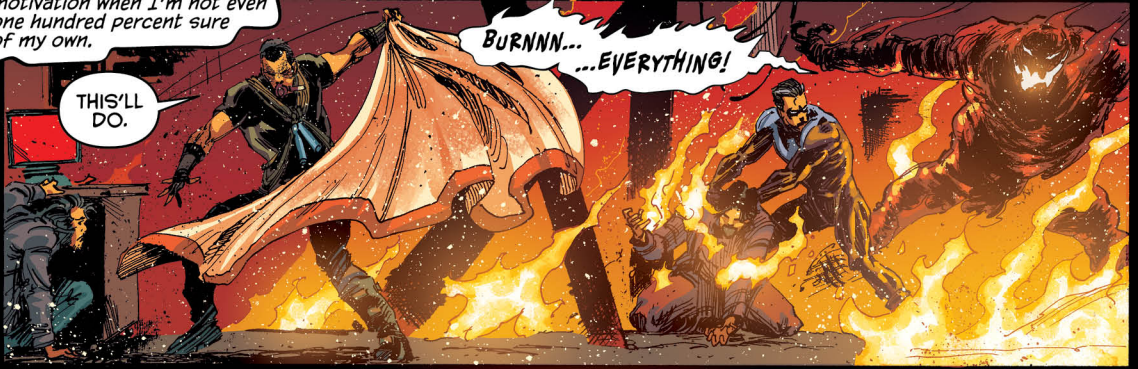


NO DOUBT ABOUT IT-- IT'S ALIVE.

YAAAAH!

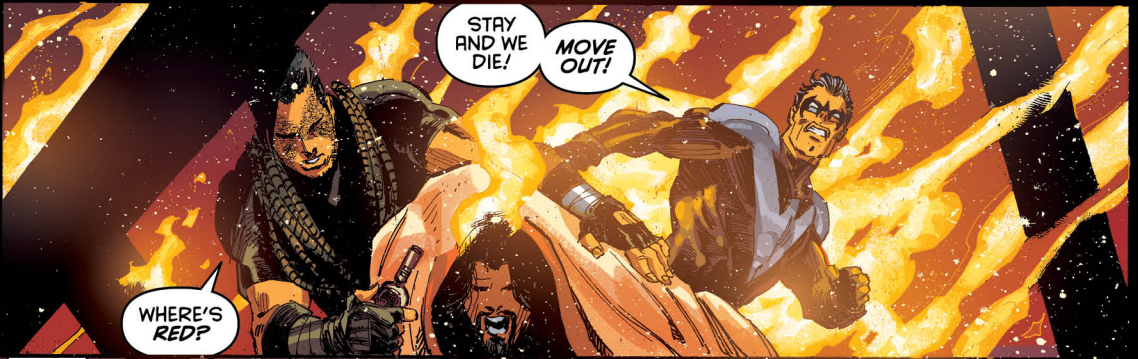
NEED SOMETHING TO SMOTHER THIS OUT!

No way I can explain Sap's motivation when I'm not even one hundred percent sure of my own.



THIS'LL DO.

BURNN... ..EVERYTHING!



STAY AND WE DIE!

MOVE OUT!

WHERE'S RED?



PAY...

THEY...MUST... PAYYY!

GO!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE!



Don't see Hutch anywhere.

BURRNN... YOU...

KRRASH



Have to hope he got out.

THE FLOOR!



GOT YOU.

DOESN'T MATTER! WE'RE GONERS!

NOT YET, YOU'RE NOT.

OUR OTHER ATTEMPTS WENT NOWHERE...

...SO I FIGURED IT WAS TIME TO TRY SOMETHING ELSE.

SOMETHING MORE PRACTICAL.

**FSSSSSSSS**



**PSSHHHHH SSSSSSSSS**



**...RRRR...**



**BRAHHH!**